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MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	MIDWIFERY ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, August 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard Second Floor Conference Room B, Cannon Building Dover, Delaware
MINUTES APPROVED:	October 16, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pat Gallagher, CPM, Chair, Council Member
Shannon Burdeshaw, CPM, Council Member
Susan DiNatale, CPM, Council Member 10:36 a.m.-10:39 a.m.
Kathleen McCarthy, CNM, Council Member
Francis Montone, MD, Physician Council Member
Philip Shlossman, MD, Physician Council Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Devashree Brittingham, Executive Director

ALSO PRESENT

Marilee Pinkleton, CPM
Karen Webster, CPM
Karen Carr

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Gallagher called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

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The Council reviewed the April 17, 2017 minutes for approval. Dr. Shlossman moved, seconded by Ms. Burdeshaw to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Application(s) for Licensure as a Certified Professional Midwife

The Council reviewed the application for licensure as a Certified Professional Midwife for Tyler Wilson. Ms. Burdeshaw moved, seconded by Ms. Gallagher, to recommend that Tyler Wilson be approved for licensure for ratification by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. Motion passed unanimously.

The Council reviewed the application for licensure as a Certified Professional Midwife for Aisha Al Hajjar. Ms. Burdeshaw moved, seconded by Dr. Shlossman, to recommend that Aisha Al Hajjar to be approved for licensure for ratification by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. Motion passed unanimously.

The Council reviewed the application for licensure as a Certified Professional Midwife for Karen Carr. Ms. Carr attended the meeting. Ms. Carr's application revealed she was previously disciplined in another state for an adverse birth outcome. Dr. Shlossman asked Ms. Carr for additional details on the adverse birth incident that led to her discipline. Ms. Carr provided the additional details as requested regarding the incident. Ms. Burdeshaw moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy to recommend that Karen Carr be approved for licensure for ratification by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. Dr. Shlossman and Dr. Montone abstained. Motion passed.

Review Application(s) for Licensure as a Certified Midwife

There were no applications for Certified Midwives for the Council to review.

Discussion regarding CPM Practice and Birth Centers

Ms. Burdeshaw raised the issue of where Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs) could practice for discussion with the Council. The Council's regulations address the definition of a birth center and the licensure requirements. The Council's statute does not limit where a CM or CPM can practice. The Department of Public Health has regulatory oversight of birth centers and the Council determined that this issue falls outside their purview. The second issue that was raised was the issue of duty to report and whether midwives have a duty to report those they know are operating a birthing center from their personal home and or outside Public Health's regulation. Ms. Singh advised the Council of their duty to report statute 24 Del. Code § 1799NN. The Council's duty to report provision states they have a duty to report unprofessional conduct and incompetence to practice.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Ms. Gallagher suggested planning for a peer review session in the near future. Ms. Burdeshaw agreed and suggested when the Council meets again in October to schedule a peer review time following the Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marilee Pinkleton, CPM addressed the Council regarding the discussion the regulated birth centers. Ms. Pinkleton provided some background context on why the issue came up. The council reiterated that public health's regulation for birth centers prohibits having births in an unlicensed facility.

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room B, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard in Dover.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Gallagher moved, seconded by Dr. Shlossman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Devashree Brittingham, MBA
Executive Director